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August 13, 1917.

Mr. Howland Wood.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

Would you do the American Numismatic Association
the favor and honor of reading a paper before the annual Convention
at Rochester August 28-29th? I will leave the topic entirely to
your selection.

Hoping that you can favor the Association, I am,

Yours respectfully,

S. Hudson Chapman

Member of Committee on Papers.

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August 27, 1919.

Mr. John Reilly, Jr.,

My dear Mr. Reilly:-

In cataloging the Sleicher Collection of coins I find but very few oriental pieces in it.

What devils are these? I never saw this rupee with the devils on it before. It, of course, is recent, and probably a fabrication.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing the rupee with two of the bean-shaped pieces, and ask would you kindly attribute them for me.

If this reaches you within the next two days, & you can reply immediately, please return to Lake Placid, otherwise, please send to Philadelphia after Sept. 4th. I will leave here on the 3rd.

I enclose stamped envelope.

Yours sincerely,

S. Hudson Chapman

DURING JULY AND AUGUST
HAVE REMOVED MY BUSINESS
TO MY SUMMER HOME WHERE
ADDRESS LETTERS AND
PACKAGES AS BELOW
S. HUDSON CHAPMAN,
BIRCH POINT, BUCK ISLAND,
LAKE PLACID,
NEW YORK

Dear Harland:

Would you mind attributing these?
I have no books here to verify them.
The "devils" piece is queer. Make
yours about Roe. And writing you
later. Sorry to bother you
Yours
John Reilly, Jr.

September 16th, 1919.

Mr. S. H. Chapman,
1128 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Chapman:-

Mr. Reilly has just forwarded to me your letter enclosing the three Oriental pieces. Two of these are known as Name Gins or bean silver. These were made in Japan in the Ansei period, 1853 to 1860. The other piece is simply a talisman made in India. Whether they are sold to tourists as coins I do not know but having seen so many of them I am inclined to think they are passed off as Ancient coins. The piece you have is a little better made than usual.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

November 29th, 1920.

Mr. S. Hudson Chapman,
1128 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chapman:-

In the past few months have you gotten any of the recent Mexican Revolutionary coins? There have been a number of new varieties, especially in copper, turned up of late from Jalisco, Morelos, Aguascalientes and Guerrero Provinces. If so, I would be very glad to have you send on what you may have.

We have noticed your add of the Hunter Collection to be sold early in December, but as yet have not received a catalogue. The writer is going away in about a week's time, and would appreciate it very much if he could see a catalogue in the meantime, or if they are not ready proof sheets of that part relating to Indian Peace Medals.

Very truly yours,

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Nov. 30, 1920.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society.

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I have not purchased any of the recent Mexican Revolutionary coins nor have any been offered me.

The plate catalog of the Hunter collection with nine quarto plates will, I hope, be out in two days, when I will send the Society one. It has been delayed about a week through the misfortune of the sudden death of the proprietor of the photographic printing establishment, and the place was closed last Friday, Saturday and Monday just as they were starting printing.

Yours very truly,

S. H. Chapman

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Dec. 17, 1920.

Curator,

The American Numismatic Society.

Dear Sir:-

I herewith transmit to you the original memoranda regarding the finding of the Astor medal purchased by the Society at the sale of the Hunter collection and which I described in the catalog.

Yours very truly,

Samuel Hudson Chapman

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December 18th, 1920

Mr. S. H. Chapman
1128 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

I beg to thank you for the letter concerning the Astor Medal; we are very glad to get this.

If agreeable to you, I would prefer to send you a cheque in payment of the medals bought at your Sale directly after the first of the year.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

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Dec. 23, 1920.

Howland Wood, Esq.

American Numismatic Society.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

I duly received your letter. I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Hunter, in which he states that he hopes to receive some payment of cash on account before the first of the year, and as almost the entire sale has gone out on orders and over \$2,000 to one English customer, payments will be very much delayed or extended. If it makes no material difference and you have cash on hand, I would prefer that the Society would pay the bill of sale now. I should think it would be better to pay it now and close the year's business than to carry this over until next year. Even for my own sake, I should be thankful because the entire sale went out of town with the exception of \$159. City cash and I had the printer, auctioneer and other expenses to pay.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

S. H. Chapman

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Jan. 11, 1921.

Indian Medals left with the American Numismatic Society Jan. 3, 1921
under consideration for purchase:-

George III Indian medals, Hunter collection Nos. 71 and 72,
price \$1500 less \$200, contribution towards their purchase.

~~George II. Brass. Duplicate as No. 40 Hunter sale, good. \$10.~~

George III.. 1814. Small size, 38. As No. 75. Very good. \$40.

Copper proof Victoria 1840

advise buying this,

January 13, 1921

Mr. S. H. Chapman
1126 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Your memorandum of the Indian Peace Medal
left over, received. You omitted to put down
the copper medal Toronto, 1940.

Just what Mr. Selden is doing concerning
the 'Happy while United' ones, I do not know.
I am, however, taking the small brass one, George
II, at \$10.00, and have directed the bank to send
you a cheque for this amount.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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The American Numismatic Society.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to give you the information below:

In my last letter I described British War Medals Nos.

Nos. 252 and 253.

These medals came to me in such a splendid collection, fully described and attributed in envelopes, I did not examine them as critically as I should otherwise, but did mention that No. 252 had additional marks to the edge and condemned No. 253 entirely, but I did not give the reasons for my opinion.

A few days before the sale whilst putting the coins in envelopes I gave them another critical examination and I placed myself under the edge of the medals and found that the words "THE OLD GOVERNMENT OF CANADA" had been engraved and were well executed in and wrote "THE OLD GOVERNMENT OF CANADA" on the edge of the medals and their edges. I wrote again: "THE OLD GOVERNMENT OF CANADA" in this distribution was this. The British War Office had a number of the Canadian Militia who were served, so sent the medals to the Old Government of Canada Militia Department and made the distribution. Various letters were employed to letter the edge of the medals and variations in the lettering. The medals were never outside of Canada and I wish to state that the medals were not sold.

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ant parts of the collection." I let them go in the sale with the determination to have them searched, if possible, and should they be proven false, I would redeem them. I purchased them for an English p and wrote on the bill after these two medals Nos. 252 and 253 "See if you can verify these". He has returned them to me as false alterations and I have under my guarantee relieved him of them. Mr. Hunter has also accepted their return and will search out their history as far as possible. It is rather hopeless as the man from whom he purchased them, J. Mills McClurg is dead. If he reports any interesting information, I will communicate it.

No. 254, which I bought and have vet, is undoubtedly genuine. The lettering punched in with English punches, and as it is one that was awarded to a man of the "Canada Militia", shows that these medals were issued to Canadians with the regular punches. I believe Mr. Hunter has been misled by the above statement made by whoever sold them to him.

The added bars of the Fenian Raid, No. 263, "Fenian Raid 1370 - River 1370" are false. No. 266 should read "Fenian Raid 1366 - Red River 1370", the latter false. No. 267 read "Fenian Raid 1366 - Fenian R 1370", the latter false. Also COL should read CPL (correct in our manuscript - printer's error). In these three medals the lettering of the f bars is the same and smaller than the originals, the l's have flat tops instead of sloping tops and the inner line is further from the border than

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illustrated from the medals in the Hunter collection.

Note also that Nos. 264 and 265 are genuine and correct.

Also I purchased No. 273 (correct the error in No. 271 the word "same" should read "Bar, Fenian Raid 1870" and carried the following two lots) which is genuine and has the larger letters and figures with the downwards pointed l's and line close to border.

This information will remove the Hunter specimen of the General Service Medal with bars for Chrystler's Farm, Chateaugay and Fort Detroit from confliction with the specimen which Mr. Wyman was recently studying and conferred with me about, formerly described in the American Journal of Numismatics, etc. with the edge lettered J.B. LEPIERRE.

Will you please examine specimen No. 267, which Mr. Belden bought for the Society and return it to me for re-examination also, and if false I will redeem it.

I have re-examined and condemned No. 256, bought by Mr. Gillingham and redeemed it.

I wish the above information to be known so as to correct my description of the collection and make it exact for reference.

In the U. S. we have very little practice in these war medals as few appear and the specimens have nearly always gone to England just as the present instance.

Yours faithfully,

S. H. Chapman

March 30th, 1921

Mr. S. E. Chapman
1128 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Your favour of March 28th at hand. Many thanks
for the information contained in your letter.

As you know, we were - and especially Mr. Lyman,
was in search of some of these plates. I have now
been very carefully the Fort Detroit record that we got
from you. We have, however, written to London to get
a verification of the name and to find out if any trans-
fer of the 100th Regiment took part in the operations
because the 100th Regiment itself was not there.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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April 15, 1921.

Mr. Herbert Wood.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

When I received my two Hannay White United medals a week ago I forgot to obtain from you the photograph of Chief Warburton, which I left with you. Will you please send it to me between two pieces of cardboard? I enclose postage therefor.

Also if you have the two photographs cut out of a plate, which I loaned Mr. Belden for soliciting subscriptions, please return those also as I wish to send them to the buyer who asks for the plates.

Yours very truly,

S. H. Chapman

April 18th, 1922.

Mr. G. Hudson Chapman,
1128 Spruce Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Chapman:-

Your favor of the 15th at hand. I am sending you the photograph of Chief Vashone. I haven't the other two photographs here, but I am writing Mr. Tilden to send them on to you.

When you were here you took back with you two of the Comelian badges, and you gave me a cheque for one of them. At your convenience will you send me the cheque for the other one which I think is \$10.00.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

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October 23, 1921.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

To close out my purchases of Canadian coins
and medals at the Hunter sale before I put them into stock,
I offer them to you at 10% discount from list prices which I
sent out last March. This will bring them down to almost what
they sold for at the sale.

I enclose herewith a revised list of those
remaining on hand.

Yours very truly,

S. H. Chapman

AMERICAN HISTORICAL & CANADIAN MEDALS FROM THE HUNTER COLLECTION

FOR SALE BY S. H. CHAPMAN

October, 1931.

No.	Price	No.	Price	No.	Price	No.	Price	No.	Price
13	\$1.	303	12.75	535	\$3.	651	\$1.	714	\$1.
13a	3.	304 2	.70	537	3.	653	.10	720	1.
30	1.50	343	4.	545 1	.60	654	.10	722	25.
35 V.F.	2.50	347	110.	547	.25	655 2	.10	723	5.
55	90.	355	1.50	553	2.	657 4	.10	725	.50
93	40.	358	2.30	548	1.	658 3	.10	727	1.
79 R.9.	30.	361	2.30	572	.35	635	2.50	729	1.25
100	35.	365	1.30	586	1.25	728	1.25	731	5.
141	1.	410 2	.35	590	.75	730	1.	731a	.50
147	15.	431	.35	593	2.	732	15.	744	.50
163 5	.50	444	10.	600	1.	739	10.	753	1.
164 6	.30	Parson sale specimen sold for \$12.		601, \$1.2		740	4.		
173	6.	447	1.	302 lot	.30	741	2.		
181	3.	448	.50	303	.35	742	1.75		
182	7.	449 4	.10	304	.30	743	1.25		
185	20.	450 5	.05	312	.25	744	1.		
193 R.553	34.	452	.20	313 R.6.	1.	747	4.		
191	3.	459 4	.20	316 lot	2.	750	.40		
192	20.	466	2.	335 lot	3.	751	1.		
221 set	4.50	472 2	.15	336	1.50	751	1.50		
247	1.50	473 1	.15	338	1.50	759 lot	.50		
254	50.	478	1.50	340 1905	2.	790	1.50		
260	10.	479 2	.25	341	2.	793	.10		
262	5.	481	.20	343 lot	1.30	797	.50		
273 1870	15.	494 lot	.25	343 w.m.		801	.40		
275	40.	497	4.	silver pl.	.50	802	1.		
287 lot	5.	526	3.	350 2	.50 & 1.	799	1.		
302	2.50								

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333a	Lever Canada. Agriculture. Same design r. by design. Rev. ins. Shield of arms. 1852. Silver. 37. Good.	33.
	Same. Bronze. Proof. L. 310, R. 6.	1.
317b	Montreal. Exhibition, 1880. W.m. Fine. (2 nos.) one leather. 3 @ 10c. Leroux 1503.	.30
"	Leroux 1504. W.m. & wood. 3 @ 25c.	.50
"	" 1505. 1881. Copper. Fine.	.40
"	" 1500. Quebec Exhibition, 1877. W.m.	.40
333a	Toronto Exhibition, 1890. Sheaf, tools, plow. Rev. Arms of Provinces of Canada. Brass gilt. 23. Suspended from British flag pin. Proof.	.25
345a	Sherrbrooke (Quebec), 1894. Quebec, 1894, Governor Ottawa, 1895, w.m. Not in L. 4 nos. Lot.	.50
	Leroux 1901. Ontario Rifle Asso. Silver. Size 35.	2.
434	Hunter	.85

Medals Left out of Sale.

	Battle of Prague. 3th May 1787. Bust of Frederic the Great r. Rev. Victory dancing on trophy of arms. Br. 33. Unc.	1.
	Commemoration medallion of the Battle of Waterloo. By Pistrucci. His masterpiece. Busts of the 4 Kings and emperors to l., above Apollo and his chariot, around allegorical groups. Rev. Victory bet. two warriors, above Jupiter in quadriga, around margin combat of Tritons. Cast in bronze. Unc. This was never struck. Size 34.	15.
	Hudson Fulton medal. By F. Fuchs. Hudson observing lowering of a boat on the river. Rev. 3 female figures, above medallion of Fulton. Issued by American Numismatic So. at \$10. Br. 64.	10.
	400th Ann. of the discovery of America. Head of Liberty l. Rev. Landing of Columbus. Br. Size 53.	4.
	Rembrandt. Rev. The Night Watch. Br. 72.	7.50
	General Booth. By Clark. Plaque. 39 by 65. Lead.	2.
	Jacob blessing his sons. Rev. History. Size 45.	.50

I offer the following duplicates of the Winter Collection:-

As sale No.	59	Very fine	380.
"	"	60 Very fine	70.
"	"	61 Very fine. Dent on shoulder.	50.
"	"	62 Fine. Light scratches on	
"	"	armor.	30.
"	"	65 Fine. Rev. some nicks in	
"	"	field around church.	150.
"	"	75 Very good. Covered with	
"	"	small nicks.	30.

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March 29, 1922.

Mr. Howland Wood.

Dear Sir:-

I would call your attention to lots No. 584 and 535
in my sale of April 6th. Do you know of this counterstamp RB
and are you able to attribute it to any locality?

Yours very truly,

S. H. Chapman

March 31st, 1922

Mr. E. H. Chapman:
1118 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

I really do not know what the determinations
signify on those two pieces in your next sale.
When I saw them I was interested and have been
trying to work out what they might be, without
success. I am enclosing data for one of them.

Very truly yours,

Curator

EW/V
Enc.

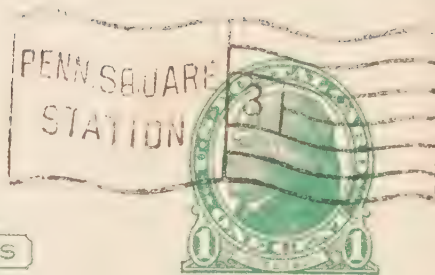
April 10, 1922

Dear Mr. Wood :-

Lots 584 + 585 in Sale of
April 6th sold for \$3.35 each, exceeding
your bid.

Yours very truly

S. H. CHAPMAN
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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The American Numismatic Soc.
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November 27, 1922.

Mr. Howland Wood,

Curator of Amer. Numismatic Society.

My dear Mr. Wood:

The last time I called at the society's building you asked me what was the lacquer I had used for coins and medals, and at the time the name of the varnish, though I know it perfectly well, the well known varnish used for pictures, would not come up. Yesterday I happened to think of the subject and I immediately know it--Mastic Varnish.

I dilute this with about three times its bulk of pure, real turpentine. I even tried rectified turpentine, which would not do. The effect of some turpentine is to curdle and spoil the varnish. In coating it I either dip or flow the varnish over the medal and then lean it up on its edge to drain, in the closet or some place where it would not be disturbed for a week, as this varnish dries very slowly. When dry, this thin solution will be practically invisible and is very enduring. I have had a test medal last now 20 years.

For coins or medals that have a dead surface I would use simply uncooked mutton fat. When applying it, first scrub your fingers with a brush, being sure there is no grit in them, dry them and then rub your finger and thumb on the white, dry, raw mutton fat, and then gently smear and press the fat into the piece. This is also an absolute preservative against tarnish.

I think coins that we see sometimes untarnished with a dead surface are the pieces that at the time happened to be handled by a butcher, or a person with greasy hands, and the coating protected the piece from the gas of the atmosphere.

Thank you for the address of the Heliotype Company. They have

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November 23, 1922.

sent at a satisfactory price for the plates and will guarantee that the
prints will be uniform, and I will probably give them the job-- plates,
50 prints each.

SEC/HTM

Yours sincerely,

S. H. Chapman

November 29th, 1922

Mr. S. H. Chapman
1128 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

I want to thank you for the varnish of which you have just sent me the formula, and I will try this at the first opportunity.

I trust that you will obtain satisfactory ~~results~~ plates from the Helio-type Company - in fact, I feel sure that you will.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

Philadelphia 26 March 1923

Dear Mr. Wood,

Would you kindly [#]inform on enclosed card what editions of Dr. Maris treatise on the cents of 1794 are in the library?

I have only at hand 1869 and 1870 but think there was a ~~later~~ ^{later} edition.

I have mine finished and a- in press both text and plates, the latter printed by the Halotype Co. are very fine according to the proofs.

If there was a [#]later edition of Maris I can yet add it in the final proof.

Pardon all the slips in the above I am not facile on the machine and when I try to put on some speed I do badly.

Yours sincerely,

S. H. Chapman

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*Find me out of 1. cents so far
two ended*

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November 19, 1924

Mr. J. H. Reilly,

My dear Mr. Reilly:

Recently I bought a coin of Madagascar. It appears to be a pattern piece struck in silver, possibly for a gold coin as it is not of the weight of any silver standard. The edge is heavily reeded. Apparently the denomination is a 'kirobo.' Its description is as follows; AFRICA. Madagascar. Ranavalomanjaka III Queen. Head left. Rev. KIROBO 1830 in wreath. Edge reeded. Silver. Proof. The diameter is 14/16 of an inch. Do you know the piece, and is that its denomination?

Yours sincerely,

S. H. Chapman

December 9, 1924.

Mr. Howland Wood.

My dear Mr. Wood:

I duly received your kind card giving me information about the Madagascar coin. You state your piece is silver plate on brass. I cut the edge of mine between the reeds deeply enough to see it is white silver.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Very sincerely,

S. H. Chapman.

1123 Spruce Street.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Howland Wood,

American Mathematical Society,

156th Street, west of Broadway

New York City,
NEW YORK

January 8th, 1926.

Mr Howland Wood,

Curator of the American Numismatic Society.

Dear Mr Wood,

I enclose, as a Christmas gift to the Society's collection, three plaster casts of original large models for pattern coins by Morgan, for the dollar of 1878, without inscriptions.

No 1. Dollar. Obverse. Head of Liberty, to left wearing Phrygian cap, with diadem inscribed Liberty, incused letters, surmounted with two wheat ears and cotton bolls and with hair in loose, wavy mass on back of neck covering the skirt of cap which shows below a band in the adopted design. It is similar to but more natural than the treatment of the hair on the pattern 1877 half dollar in Adams & Woodin, No. 1520. No impression known. Size 76 Am. scale or 4 3/4 inches.

No 2. Dollar. Reverse. Eagle, erect, facing with wings open in position of defence, head turned to left, holds olive branch in right talon and three arrows in left. No die. Same size.

No 3. Dollar, or for an Eagle, as the head is half the size of the above design. Hair short, just long enough to tie the side locks by a bow across the top of head and fall in short curls on back of neck, and bound with a narrow diadem on which 7 stars, the top of central star largest, each star bears a letter of L*B-E-R-T-Y*. The face an intimate study of model and like a portrait. Height of head 40, disc 76. No die.

Yours sincerely

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May 10²², 1926

Mr. Howland Wood,

Dear Sir:

I have three specimens of Chinese knife money on which I would like to have your opinion and that of Mr. Reilly as to whether you think they are originals. They are very finely made and the patination is finely done, I think. I find in one place that the rough carbonate and red oxide just above the white numbers is easily chipped off. The character that looks like K D is quite correct in its style?

I enclose return postage.

Yours truly,

S. H. Chapman

CHC:CDY

If originals what are they worth?

May 26th, 1926

Mr. S. H. Chapman
1128 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

You can consider yourself lucky that the three Chinese coins reached here, as there were all out of the envelope.

All three pieces are genuine, and of fair colour. They are no better shape than the average piece one can get in good condition. The two smaller pieces were issued in Ming City somewhat before 250 B.C. They are not especially rare, and we have probably about four hundred of them. They sell in China for fifteen cents up, and sell here from 75 cents to \$1.25.

The large piece is the common type from the Shang Tung Peninsula. When Ramsden was alive, he sent me many like this, billed at \$1.50 to \$2.50. I sold them anywhere from \$3.50 to \$5.00. However, there seem to be not many of the large size on the market at the present time.

Very truly yours,

Encs.

Curator

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November 3, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood.

Dear Mr. Wood:

A merchant of this city brought in to me about ten days ago a large Chinese gold coin, of which I enclose a rubbing with the weight, 572 grains or equal to about \$23. ~~8~~ It represents a Chinese general in European uniform facing, on the reverse winged dragon and Chinese inscription.

Have you seen one and could you tell me anything about it? The merchant states that his Chinese correspondent writes that there are only two in existence, but this, of course, as you know, is a story that we often hear that is baseless. No inscription on obverse and no English inscription.

I am enclosing also rubbings of the knife coins that you attributed for me. Would you write out the translation or value of the characters for me, if it is not too much trouble? I am enclosing self-addressed envelope for return.

Yours very truly,

SHC-AS

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May 10, 1928

Mr. Howland Wood,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for your letter in reply to mine regarding the silver plaque-struck shell of Washington by Reich.

The cement or resin is similar to that on the back of mine, which still has its frame, and proves by your second specimen that they were undoubtedly used for the purpose of mounting in a frame.

It is undoubtedly very rare when we who have been in the business in Philadelphia where it was made, have never had a specimen brought to us nor seen another specimen except this one I now have.

You speak of the piece having been originally burnished. This would mean that the raised portions had also been polished. My specimen shows the highly polished field as produced by the impression of a polished die on a polished planchet.

I think you are quite right in not considering the medal an Indian medal, the placing of Washington's birth & death on it and the Indian at the side of the tomb, proves that it has not significance as to a peace medal to the Indians.

Thanking you for your attention, I am

Yours very truly,

SHC:S

S. H. Chapman

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Philadelphia 19th. November 1928.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Could you please tell me whether the Hudson-^b Fulton medal
by Fuchs, in the small size 20 Am. scale was issued for public sale
or restricted^{to} official participants? If the former may it still
be purchased and from whom ?

I have a specimen in this size and a patron wants it but I should
rather not sell it and keep it with my large size on account of
my family, mother's side, belonging to the same Hudson family.

I enclose an addressed postal to save you as much bother as possi-
ble. Thanking you for attention,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

L. Hudson Chapman